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A REPORT *on inner trends and forecasts of significant developments, dedicated to the preservation of the American way and a free democratic economy by the revival and extension of Christian sharing and the prevention of war by the revelation and correction of the causes of war.* **WE BELIEVE** *that Christ's teachings are the measurement of truth; that in Christian progress society will move forward constructively and naturally, thus avoiding the curse of violent changes as represented by the evils of communism.* **WE ARE CONVINCED** *that the American answer for both communism and democratic socialism is a revitalized Christian capitalism that promotes closer management-worker cooperation, greater worker participation in ownership, profit-sharing, systems of pensions or security out of production and other forms of applied Christian sharing.* **WE STAND** *for our country, right or wrong, rejoicing when it is right, but when authoritative evidence indicates our country is being influenced into the wrong, we believe that the greatest patriotism will be to seek through democratic means to set our country right.* **WE HOLD** *this to be the highest service to patriotism and to God.*

Floods and MVA

Great floods in the Missouri valley have again turned a spot light on the question of the development of vast power resources and flood control projects in that area, similar to TVA. **The privately-owned power corporations of the Midwest have fought the development of such a project and now millions of people are having to pay the price of this selfish obstructionism.** The Democratic Party will win a lot of votes in the coming election in the Midwest area on the issue of flood control and public power development versus private power control. The danger is that Democratic politicians will use the matter as a political issue only.

One legitimate claim against a Federal project is the resistance of local business and political groups towards any such vital operations being entirely in the hands of centralized Federal authority, for there are strong elements in the Federal bureaus that think of such developments entirely in terms of centralized authority, a clear violation of American principles. Federal bureau groups have played into the hands of the private power corporatons by making it possible for this issue to be used as a delaying action. **The tragic results of the great flood are, we hope, forcing both elements to work towards a compromise that will mean the beginning of such greatly needed projects in the Missouri valley, and the Columbia River basin as well, where devastating floods also occurred a few months ago. Or will the desire for profit and the hunger for power continue to victimize the public?** Hopes for a solution are dampened by the fact that the fight continues unabated for control by private profit groups of Federal power projects already completed. The private corpora-

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THE MOST HIGHLY IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS of the day are not being honestly or clearly reported to the American people, yet these are issues that will affect every business, every home. We are now entering a peculiarly treacherous period, one we cannot go through without many changes in the way we think, the way we live. We have set out to (1) re-arm the entire free world right after the most disastrous war in history, (2) to rehabilitate and stabilize the economies of the entire free world, and (3) to organize the world to think with us, work with us and act with us against Russia.

GLIMPSES OF THE MIRACLE: It is now apparent that we could have achieved our second and third aims, uniting the world with us, for one of the miracles of history was the achievement of the Marshall Plan in which we snatched almost all of Europe out of the grip of communism with one stroke **at a total cost of only a fraction of what we are now spending on armaments in one year.** Keeping in mind the fact (which our politico-military leaders still seem unable to grasp) that **communism has not spread through the action of the Russian army but through fomentation of revolution where poverty and despair have reduced a people to helplessness, it is no exaggeration to say that God gave a glimpse, in those brief years of the Marshall Plan miracle, of how we could win success in turning the world from communism. But the blindness that militarism creates, the greed and arrogance it feeds upon, was too strong in us, and that which had been blessed by amazing success was relegated to a place of neglect and the aim of re-arming an impoverished, hungry, hopeless war-sick world — which in its very definition spells failure — became paramount in our minds.**

So, in the past two years, increasing maneuvering of facts has diverted attention away from what could be accomplished by peace-directed dollars, and the American people have been compelled to turn all energy and thought toward draining our resources to create those instruments of steel and fire that can only reach fulfillment as they create suspicion, fear, destruction, sorrow and death.

THE BIG QUESTION NOW is, by putting armaments first, can we achieve our two essential commitments — rehabilitate and restore the world economically and socially — and make the world think and work with us — without tearing down our own house?

THE GIGANTIC ARMS PROGRAM we have undertaken is draining our western world of its resources so fast as to make impossible the survival of a free economy. This is a fact that is being carefully held from public view. War costs have already destroyed the free economies of England, Denmark, Norway, Germany, Italy, Spain, etc., where systems of state controls over economic life are considered by all as absolutely necessary. Our industrial-military cliques constantly reassure us that our industrial machine can pour out the armaments and still maintain our standard of living. But they are deceiving the American people in a most cruel and gross way, for **while our great industrial machine COULD maintain this vast production, the fact is that there are not the raw materials available to supply such outpouring of materials — without catastrophe.** Already a drastic shortage is developing in the world copper supply, and there is no substitute even remotely in sight for this extremely important metal used in almost everything we make and use.

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Russian Sound and Fury

Objective thinking about Russia is rare today, but one noted English historian achieves this repeatedly in his books about Russia. Edward Crankshaw, perhaps the leading authority on Russia today, is neither a former Communist, nor an exile from Russia or nor a member of a former resistance movement within communism. He is simply a clear-minded analyst who is seeking the truth and the facts, hence his conclusions command attention. In his new book, "Cracks in the Kremlin Wall" (Viking Press, $3.50), he states that the Soviet Union is not nearly so formidable as it appears and hence most unlikely to set out deliberately on a war of conquest. There is, of course, the chance that Stalin will blunder into a bigger war than he wants, but Crankshaw believes **"There will not be a major war with Russia, at least in this generation . . . I think that, in the first place, Stalin does not desire a war of conquest and that even if he wished to launch a preventative war the Soviet economy, for some years to come, would be unable to stand the strain of total mobilization."**

Mr. Crankshaw stresses the fact that Russia and communism are not identical, and at the same time traces the continuity between many Czarist and Soviet practices; the Russians have always tried to isolate Holy Mother Russia from the West, through willing to expand in any direction if this could be done without major wars. The Russians have always believed in force, but not in big wars if they could get what they wanted without them. "The revolution as Lenin saw it has totally and ignominously failed", Mr. Crankshaw holds, but if none of Lenin's pre-revolutionary goals have been achieved, his policies have been carefully followed,

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— the use of fraud, treachery and terror. And Crankshaw explodes the legend of Stalin as a master mind or far-sighted superman. He is merely a ruthless and unscrupulous man, an opportunist making hasty decisions under pressure of events. But he is far from stupid and so **recognzes the Russian weakness in raw materials, heavy industry, food and a loyal, unified population, — hence his desire to avoid war.**

As to Soviet mlitary strength, Crankshaw points out that the Soviet Army, which with its 175 divisions looks so impressive on paper, is actually very uneven in quality and fighting power, that the Soviet Union **needs its four-to-one superiority in manpower to surpass the industrial output** even of Britain, and that **Russia "has no hope of at all of catching up with the U. S. for decades to come".** Furthermore, Russia's interior lines of communication are woefully inadequate to keep up with the demands a global war would put upon them.

The Russian people are exhausted by twenty years of war and straining to reach impossible quotas of everything, and the peasants have been resisting further pressure by sabotaging the collective farm system and by frustrating the Government's program for moving them into agricultural towns.

And yet the Kremlin is afraid of war, hence plans for that eventuality. The Russian concept of coming wars is in connection with the revolutionary offensive against the established systems of the West, "and it expects the West to hit back. To reduce the power of the inevitable counter-offensive it increases its onslaught and, in so doing, deepens the risk of military retaliation. This makes the Kremlin still more afraid."

Crankshaw concludes, "I think of only one way in which the Kremlin may still conquer us, and **that without war.** It is by so frightening us (but it is we who allow ourselves to be frightened) that for fear of the enemy within we transform our own society imperceptibly into an apparatus of totalitarianism indistinguishable from the society of Soviet Russia — a system which may not be criticized . . . for fear of damaging national unity, the unity of the grave; a system in which the bully and the corrupt may not be denounced or the underdog uplifted because nobody will risk being called a Red."

Further, he notes, **"We are so afraid of appeasement that many of us have quite forgotten that agreement is the whole basis of society, and that agreement may**

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Iron ore is being depleted at an alarming rate. The American steel industry has already been forced to turn to the long haul from Venezuela for ores. Any public library can provide you with evidences that the western world is being rapidly stripped of copper, iron ore, tin, lead, oil, and many other resources, with the result we will inevitably face a period of scarcity with far-reaching consequences and much sooner than most of us realize.

THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE **for the fact that capitalism must have abundant resources to maintain the free economy, otherwise state controls become necessary and inevitable in any highly civilized country where men demand a fair and just share.** At the present time, big American corporations that make so much noise about free enterprise are using their power to keep a hog's share of these resources coming their way. As a result, small manufacturers and little business men are being forced to deal with racketeers and black markets in order to survive — many of them unable to pay the exorbitant premiums the racketeers demand, hence they are not surviving. (See report on GM and steel on page 3, Col. 1).

BIG BUSINESS PROMOTES SOCIALISM: Therefore, it is not the Socialists, the Communists or the New Dealers in Washington who are forcing the country into this path of socialism or nationalization, but it is the work of leading industrial and financial tycoons themselves who make the biggest noises about free enterprise and capitalism.

ALIENATING OUR ALLIES: The costly military extremism, which now characterizes our policies, with its disastrous draining of the free world's resources, destroys any hope of achieving our second essential aim, the economic rehabilitation of the war-impoverished free world. This military extremism also blocks the realization of our third aim, of uniting the world with us in thought and action against Russia. Our behavior — in draining the western world of its resources to maintain our own high standard of living while we rearm the world — is creating strong resentment among our allies, with their much lower standard of living. **We are also forcing them to withdraw their cooperation from us to save themselves.** Some radio speelers and their counterparts in the press keep complaining that "these socialistic British and Europeans" are failing to cooperate on the Atlantic Defense Pact. But the reasons for this lack of cooperation are continuously suppressed,— reasons that are real and significant. While they fear communism, the British, French, Italians and other western European peoples do not believe that their greatest danger is for the Russian armies to roll over Europe, as we are told so constantly by the drum-beaters in this country. Being closer to communism, they know that the countries of East Europe did not become Communist because the Russian army rolled over them but because communism arose with violence and tyranny from within, as poverty, hopelessness and despair, generated by centuries of political, economic and religious feudalism, made some radical and violent change inevitable and, to many of the lower classes, desirable. Thus to the average Englishman, Frenchman, Italian, Norwegian, etc., **to be impoverished by American political and military exploitation is more dangerous than to be exposed to the remote possibility of a Russian armed thrust from the East.** That is why the Atlantic Pact, even under the able leadership of Gen. Eisenhower, is bogging down. It is unjust and un-American for the American people to be told that these "Socialist-minded Europeans will not cooperate with us" and then not permit the American people to know WHY the Europeans do not and cannot cooperate with us. We are allowed to hear all the speeches and statements by European political and military leaders in which they solicit and praise our help, and naturally European political and industrial leaders have always wanted big armies behind them. But we are not allowed to know that **these same leaders are never able to give us real cooperation on political and military unification programs because they are living against a seething background of rebellion among the people.** It will be hard to comprehend our relationship to Europe in coming months, unless this is understood.

TO RETURN TO DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS COUNTRY: Because of the depletion of our physical resources, we cannot long dodge or postpone the fact that our money values will be seriously affected, — something that will be felt by all of us. The impoverishment of war has already destroyed real money values in almost all parts of the world. We subsist in America on managed currency, and that means money that is dependent on the skill and character of man, instead of on real and tangible values.

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include any kind of coming together, whether permanent or provisional, whether based on conviction or on opportunism (we cannot dictate other people's motives), whether in all sincerity or with hindthought."

In addition to this new book, "Cracks in the Kremlin Wall", Mr. Crankshaw has written perhaps the best modern analysis of the subject in his "Russia and the Russians" (Viking Press).

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tions are still yelling "Socialist" and "Communist" at any and all movements that are working towards bringing cheap and abundant power to the farmer or small manufacturer, ignoring the fact that in all instances **the development of cheap power has been the biggest boon to capitalism and free enterprise of about anything in U. S. business history.**

Proof of this is to be found in the fact that private power corporations are now campaigning to convince the public that the great Federal Rural Electrification program, which has brought increased prosperity to millions of farmers, was the baby of private power corporations all along, when the fact is the private corporations continuously fought and sabotaged the farm program.

The object of this campaign is to persuade the people that now, since the Federal Government has completed the task, private profit groups should take over. To show that this is no left wing New Deal view, staunch GOP Sen. Aiken of Vermont recently said to Missouri farmers, **"What effrontery it is that these corporations, who did everything within their power to prevent the extension of cooperative electric lines into the farming areas, should now have the nerve to claim credit for bringing light and power to three million farm homes which are served by the REA. They want the public to think the job is done and they did it. So long as 30 per cent of the farms in Missouri are still without light and power the job is not done. The monopolies are just up to their same old tricks of trying to prevent any developmment in the field of electric service which they cannot control."**

Aiken said further that "365 days in the year the electric power companies are workng for legislation that will require the co-ops to buy their power from the private utilities and to transmit power only over company-owned transmission lines." This would put the farmers at the mercy of the utility companies on both price and transmission of power.

GM Threat to Capitalism

The real alarm over the General Motors colossus is being sounded not from the Left but from the Right. Conservative business men who believe in free enterprise see how seriously they are being threatened by such super concentrations. A recent analysis of this trend toward bigger and bigger bigness was recorded by T. K. Quinn, president of a management corporation and director and officer of other corporations. Writing in The Nation, he noted the recent GM sales curve, rising from $1,900,000,000 in 1946 to $7,531,000,000 in 1950, and asks **"where and how GM was able to get the enormous quantities of steel needed for this production in a pepiod of alleged shortage when the little fellows were not able to get it . . . The thousands of tons of steel gobbled up by GM might have kept alive many fine smaller companies which were forced to the wall.** The situation was so bad that GM itself, shamefacedly conscious of its advantage, joined the Government in demanding more production from the steel companies, though it continued to hog what steel there was."

He points out that GM bigness has hurt not only other automobile manufacturers but also many stove concerns which they have squeezed out or pushed to the brink. Before the war, GM did very little stove business, but now, because of their advantage in procuring steel, they have put numerous stove manufacturers out of business, while GM-controlled Frigidaire, despite its name, has increased its volume of stoves until it is now near the top in the field. In short **GM not only got enough steel for unprecedented auto production, but also for stoves.**

The claim that business must constantly grow bigger in order to be efficient raises the question as to **how GM becomes a more efficient producer of automobiles by also producing ranges, refrigerators, washers, electric appliances and diesel engines,** a question that can't be explained away, says Mr. Quinn, **"unless efficiency and financial power have come to be synonymous — as morality and legality are coming to be."**

He further questions how the GM stove business was catapulted so high so fast and notes that, since the GM last report contained no breakdown of its figures by department or division, it is possible that the stove and range business might have attained its new position by being subsidized out of automobile profits. He estimates that GM could afford to give away at cost its stoves, refrig-

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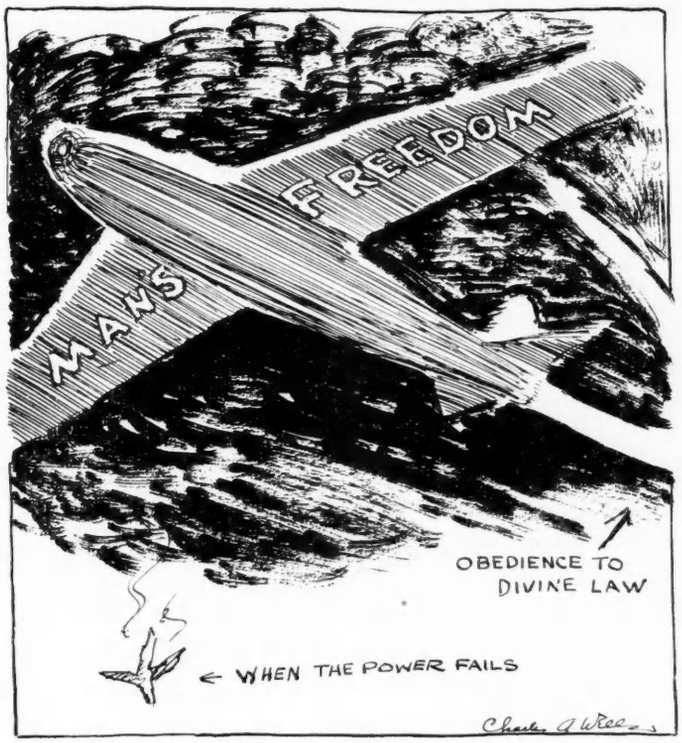

Human progress has been greatest when men have been free. But that freedom was not possible until men were able to propel themselves forward against the downward pull of the selfish, sordid and savage. There is an impressive parallel here between physical and spiritual laws. It takes power to keep man safe from a fall when he is soaring through the air. If that power becomes less than the downward pull, he will soon be hurt. The greater the power, the greater man's ability to move with care and effectivness. Obedience to God is the force that frees man from the downward pull that would hold him earth bound.

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gold. The cost of World War I pushed our monetary requirement beyond the place where gold could support it. World War II drove us still further until our money has been good only because we had abundance to support it. In terms of the basic items that support an industrial economy that abundance will soon disappear, thus American money will lose its world priority. The only reason our money is so desirable over the world now is because those who get our dollars can buy cars, refrigerators, radios, etc., with those dollars. When our own economy becomes stricken with shortages that no longer permit us to happily exploit the desires and needs of men beyond our shores, we will find ourselves in a different America from that we know now. To be brief and avoid economic technical terms, we're going to be caught in a dilemma of cheap dollars, a constantly narrowing of individual economic freedom and a high standard of living maintained only as we submit to group action, community and state controls over everything. The days of an easy-going, rich, wasteful America will soon be over.

THE QUESTION: We issue this report because of the distortion that fills much of our press and radio, and of course we will be asked, "Would you let the Russians run over us?" Such a question is irrational in view of the facts. **First,** we do not advocate, nor have we ever advocated, that America should disarm in a war-like world. We should maintain sufficient military power to protect our shores. A rational military security program would mean fleet and air power adequate to make our immediate hemisphere secure from invasion. That we could do without hurling ourselves into the dilemma we have outlined above. **Second,** as we have so frequently pointed out, with supporting facts, our armed power has already reached the place where there is no remote danger of Russia's attempting to invade our hemisphere.(See BTL, Feb. 19,'51). And, as we have also reported, there is no substantial reason to believe that Russia will attempt to over-run Europe by an open military onslaught of **Russian armed power,** as is constantly pictured to the American people by our politico-military cliques. For years now such an onslaught has been forecast by our military extremists, — that Russia was going to

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erators, ranges and washing machines in order to eliminate most of its competitors. In that way, GM could invade any fabrication field and eliminate competitors quickly. **"Thousands of small manufacturers may be said to be living on the suffrance of GM,"** says Mr. Quinn.

In addition, there are thousands of **small manufacturers who supply parts to GM and are dependent on its patronage for their existence,** which makes them subservient to GM policies. Many more thousands of **automobile dealers have to accept GM dictation along with a one-sided contract** which can be canceled on a 30 to 60 days notice, with or without cause.

Mr. Quinn concludes, **"Historically, political freedom has never long outlived economic freedom. Giant corporations like General Motors can present glowing reports, figures and curves, but they are signs of danger to the nation. The cost to the rest of society becomes intolerable when it is known. The GM report for 1950 is another milestone on the way to socialism; another nail, to change the metaphor, in the coffin of free enterprise. The stockholders have actually no more voice in the corporation than Russian peasants have in Soviet industry. Management and control rest entirely in the hands of a little group of self-perpetuating officers and directors."**

Right Wing Subversives

The National Tax Equality Association, whose literature many business men receive, is an organization sired and maintained by large business groups to fight and destroy the cooperative movement under the guise of tax reform, according to charges made by a Republican congressman. In brief, the motives and methods of this organization have become so rank that even a conservative statesman is protesting. He reported recently that the NTEA **"is now trying to raise colossal lobbying funds, totalling more than $31 million, for use in attempting to high-pressure and intimidate the U. S. Senate in connection with the pending tax legislation."**

This statement came from GOP Representative Daniel A. Reed (R., N. Y.) who inserted into the Congressional Record copies of letters sent to business men by one of the NTEA agencies. Reed charged, "The activities of this organization are nothing less than **wholesale racketeering,** principally for the benefit of an unscrupulous bunch of professional lobbyists and agitators.

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"In its campaign of misrepresentation and intimidation, this organization professes to be seeking only so-called tax equality, but its real aim is to cripple and if possible to destroy thousands of useful nonprofit organizations such as farmers' cooperatives, building and loan companies, mutual savings banks, and mutual insurance companies. If this propaganda organization should succeed in its reprehensible campaign, it would leave the farmer, the small business man, and the wage earner at the mercy of the huge high-profit organizations, who are its principal contributors.

"While this organization loudly complains of tax exemptions," Reed said, "at the same time it claims complete tax exemption for itself and for the huge propaganda lobby funds it collects from its deluded supporters. **In the recent tax hearings before our Ways and Means Committee, the racketeering character of this group was thoroughly exposed and its claims were completely discredited.** Nevertheless, it is actively continuing its callous campaign of deceit and distortion, in which it is attempting to 'soft soap' congressmen who agree with it and at the same time vilify and misrepresent those who disagree."

News About News

New Labor Newspaper: Many newspapers and news magazines distort the news by subtle methods, — by coloring or angling the facts, by soft-pedaling or highlighting. And because their techniques are not so obvious, they often deceive the public more effectively than the sensational publications with their screaming headlines and lurid pictures. The really serious factor here is the lack of sound dependable information available in many American cities.

An antidote for this situation is now planned by a group of large international and local unions, both AFL and CIO, who will soon launch a national daily newspaper to provide daily news coverage of national and other events important to the general welfare, and give labor's side in current disputes. An official of the American Newspaper Guild, Sam Eubanks, is on leave to get the paper launched early in '52.

The News Magazines: If you want an authentic, inside picture of the way news is handled and subtly angled and often crudely warped on the big news magazines, read **The Big Wheel** by John Brooks, who worked on several large magazines, including Time. This is an engrossing novel about

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strike here or there. What we have been reporting all these years was that Russia would not strike here or there, but **that the Kremlin would stir up chaos, revolution and civil war in any country they could, for that IS the doctrinal pattern of Communist expansion. The Kremlin's secondary hope and design is to entangle American armed power in these revolutionary upheavals,** thus draining off and weakening American military might and furthering the inevitable collapse of the American political and economic structure. Meanwhile, the Russian military forces are to be carefully manipulated to prevent involvement. **We almost fell for this trap in China, and many are still complaining because we didn't. And we did step into the trap in Korea — at fearful cost.**

There are also strong evidences that Russia neither seeks nor dares risk any such military adventures as our own extremists visualize. The Soviet is too weak industrially and militarily to attempt it, as is pointed out by one of the leading authorities on Russia in a new book discussed on page 1, col. 3, this issue, under the heading "Russian Sound and Fury."

Also, as we have reported in recent issues, it is most encouraging to remember that turmoil and revolt prevail almost everywhere along the inside of the iron curtain, making it **obvious that the Kremlin politburo does not dare start anything that would give these insurgent factions a chance to stir up major counter-revolutions as they could in war.**

THE POINT OF ALL THIS is that if we would turn from our military extremism to a rational military policy of limiting our outlay to those military materials that would be adequate for the defense of our immediate hemisphere, **we could then make rapid and substantial progress in the other essential aims, the rehabilitation of the free world, and, with this achievement, win the close allegiance and cooperation of the free world, — a valuable asset which we are now losing.** The Marshall Plan has demonstrated that our world-wide economic leadership and aid could be made effective far sooner than is usually visualized and would cost but a small portion of the price we will pay for attempting to build a wall of steel around the entire free world. Nations made strong and resolute by our economic and moral leadership could then be drawn into a loyal, powerful block around us in the UN. If we would then be willing to funnel U. S. military might into a UN police power instead of demanding that the UN follow our national policies to get our military support, **we would stand at the threshold of a real and attainable peace. The world would be organized morally, economically and militarily against Communist expansionism without the exhausting, deteriorating effects which military extremism creates and which plays into Russia's hands.**

TIME IS WITH US: The fact that the chief Communist tyrants are now old men (they are even called "the old Bolsheviks" in Russia) means that time will work on our side. The younger men coming to power are academic men for the most part, far different in background and temperament from the old Bolsheviks. **The history of revolutionary movements show that when new generations arise, new leaders come out of different environments and new areas of thought develop, these greatly temper such impassioned and extreme movements.** Will we have the skill and patience to work with time, or will we become the victims of our own impatience and lack of moral and spiritual stability?

ENLISTMENT: Men are drafted for war. We cannot draft them for peace. Therefore, men and women must be moved by conviction to work for peace as men are forced to work for war. Those who are drafted for war are immediately given weapons to understand, to use. Unfortunately, little or nothing has been done to prepare weapons for peace. This is partly due to the fact that great profits are made out of weapons for war, while the weapons of peace — truth, understanding, goodwill — are not marketable. **Between The Lines** provides a simple, factual and effective method whereby individuals may be enlisted in the cause of peace and may be supplied with the weapons of peace — truth; honest, significant reporting in the midst of the distortions and deceptions of war; knowledge to build good will where so much news is aimed to stir prejudices and suspicion. It costs the U. S. Government over $10,000 to train and equip one soldier. For only $1.50 a year a person may become an effective influence for peace. And remember "where you are is the important place". Will you help build the army of peace? Talk to friends about **Between The Lines** — loan your copy — send us their subscriptions.

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Is This The Army?

The best selling novel, "From Here to Eternity" by James Jones (Scribner, $4.50) is, perhaps unintentionally, turning out to be a rather potent piece of propaganda against Universal Military Training. It is a story about life in our peacetime army, and Bishop Kennedy of the Methodist Church in Oregon makes these comments in a recent letter to The Christian Century: "Part of its appeal is a copious use of four-letter words and a frank discussion of (one might almost say a morbid fascination with) a soldier's sex experiences which run all the way from adultery to homosexuality. It portrays a shameful sadism in an army prison, and the only nobiltiy to be discerned is in the stubborn rebellion of a few private soldiers against the whole military system. Here, in a word, is one man's description of our peacetime army. Any number of former G. I.'s have told me that this is about the way it was even in wartime, and a number of men with first-hand experience have assured me that it is even more difficult to maintain morals and morale during peacetime . . . If this is the way military life is, what are they (the proponents of UMT) proposing to do about it. **Is there any guarantee that they will make it different?** More serious than that, is there any way it **can** be made much better even if their intentions are honorable?" The bishop continued, "Before UMT is voted on by Congress, **LET EVERY PARENT READ THIS BOOK AND ASK IF THIS IS THE KIND OF ENVIRONMENT HE WANTS TO THROW ABOUT HIS SON. AND IF YOU ARE STILL ON THE FENCE, READ THE BOOK AND ASK FOR PRECISE METHODS OF PREVENTING THESE DEGRADING EXPERIENCES BEING OFFERED OUR SONS. LET ME STRESS THAT ACTUAL PLANS AND PROCEDURES MUST BE CLEARLY DEFINED AND WRITTEN INTO LAW THAT WILL CONVINCE OUR EDUCATORS . . . (AND NOT) . . . THE KIND OF GENERALITIES WHICH HAVE BEEN CHARACTERISTIC OF THE UMT PROPONENTS SO FAR.** Our historic American faith is that the military represents a necessary arm of society to whom we owe our profound respect and our service. But that same faith, on the basis of evidence, assures that the military makes a very bad master."